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ROOF CRASH BURIES KNICKERBOCKER THEATER AUDIENCE; POLICE FEAR 50 DEAD, 100 INJURED

BLIZZARD ABATES AFTER BURYING CITY **UNDER 26-INCH BLANKET OF SNOW AND** PARALYZING ALL TRAFFIC AND BUSINESS

D. C. DIGS SELF OUT

Bureau Forecasts 48-Hour Spell of Relief From The Elements.

ANOTHER STORM HEADING THIS WAY

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All Records Broken. While the District attempted to

sht its way from the sudden and apprecedented storm, the coast-teeping hurricane continued its reas slightly affaited to the north-d, demoralizing industry and siness along the entire Eastern mess along the entire Eastern it. The storm centerced off East-Maryland at 8 o'clock ast night, was moking northeastward needed by a seventy-two-mil which swept the coast and threw hips to the mercy of the sea. The twenty-six inches of snow which fell during the storm broke all records for the District, Maj. Bowie, of the Weather Bureau, de-

last night. This snow fall ceaten during the three-day d in February, 1899, but the t of snow which fell during he period of this storm is unpre-edented for that length of period. Today Will Be Warmer.

will be warmer and the weather officials However, no rapid melting was in sight, officials said, and the snow blanket will seriously hamper activities in the city for another forty-eight hours, it is believed.

This me a temporal serious in the short said in the short row, Maj. Bowie said last night there was every possibility that the District may feel the effects of a blizzard of even larger pro-portions developing last night over Colorado and scheduld to sweep Eastward. If this storm strikes the District, it will not be of the proportions of the one which swept the city yesterday and Saturday, but added to the present conditions but added to the present conditions may cause another serious block-ade in the District and the entire

One Frozen to Death. One man was frozen to death and several score of injuries through traffic accidents and conditions or the sidewalks and streets attributable to the storm, were reported by Business of the city was prac-

tically suspended during the day. Activities of the government service were seriously impaired, as thousands of suburban residents railroads leading into the city was practically at a standstill up to an early hour this morning. Many lines of traffic had been blocked since late Saturday night, five hours

after the storm broke over the city Pedestrians Fight Snow. City workers able to report to

through the snow-piled streets. The snow in many instances was six feet high. Lanes worn through ferti wiped out bu the drifting piles of snow. Throughout the business section, forces of men were able to clear the busy streets for traffic. Traffic on all street was nfined to one lane and an accider

average attendance of employes of average attendance of employes of approximately seventy per cent.

The snow was measured by meater attendance of city employes at about eighty per cent.

The snow was measured by meater Bureau officials as high as twenty-nine inches in many places. The average, however, was declared to the state of the

Stores, practically without cus-tomers on the usually busy Satur-day, were practically at a standday, were practically as a substitute of the state of the aspected to seriously hamper wire conditions. No wire trouble had been encountered last night, local telephone and telegraph officials employes early in the afternoon and the streets were crowded by thousands attempting to foot their way are over the a ppery streets. Many of the pedeatrians on the growded streets were women, of all ages, who had braved the elements to attend work.

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SNOW COSTS CITY \$30,000

Scores of Men Employed Extra by Street Cleaning Department.

Washington's twenty-eight hour bilizzard will cost the District hundreds of thou-sands of dollars in addition to the loss of life and in-juries suffered by citizens, it was estimated last night. The storm is expected to reduce District funds by \$30. 000. Engineer Commissioner Keller said last night.

Damage to buildings, ve-

hicles and property is ex-pected to run into the thou-sands of dollars. Hundreds of automobiles were ruined through smashups, while many were stalled in the streets and badly damaged by the elements.

The District maintained a force of 150 extra men while 150 additional men will be hired today and continued at work tomorrow and until the snow has been cleared, Col. Keller said. The money will have to come from the street cleaning appropriation.

BLOC TO DEMAND FERTILIZER IN SHOALS CONTRACT

Legislative Safeguard Is Seen as Protection Against Trust.

The farm bloe in Congress preparing to insert in the Muscle Shoals contract of Henry Ford a section definitely providing for the

The contract—in the present form confined to the eastern seaboard, which will be submitted in both Western Pennsylvania and western gress last night by the "rump conand northern New York State were ference" of President Harding's

a temporary victory for the "fer- setts. While Weathr Bureau men would tilizer trust," which is said to have not forecast for later than tomoroposed the Ford scheme because over in two hours.

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cheaper than the present price.

Ford from manufacturing the product and forcing down the price.
Senator Harris, Democrat, Georgia,
who is one of the leaders in the fight to include a specific provi-sion, told the United Press last night he thought Congress would amend the contract so as to provide relief

for the farmers.
"It would mean \$10,000,000 a year for the farmers of my State if Ford is permitted to manufacture fertil-izer." Harris declared. "Just think what it would mean to the farmers

Counteracting Influence.

"It would knock off 20 per cent om the present price of their from the present price of their product. That means the farmers of the nation would get that 20 per present heavy indebtedness. The result would be a counteracting influence against present depression.

"The time or setting this ques-tion is right now—i Congress—to safeguard the nation farmers this clause must be use ded."

to any of the vehicles blocked movemet for blocks.

Government officials estimated an average attendance of amplications and a state of the streets became jammed with the home-going crowds. No Wire Trouble.

SEABOARD SWEPT

zard Disrupts Marine And Land Trafficffi.

SHOVELERS HIRED By THOUSANDS

Weather Service Broadcasts Warnings From Virgina to Maine.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 .- Sweeping up the Atlantic seaboard, from the the rates will provide a higher Virginia Capes to Maine, the win-ter's most severe storm held the Eastern coast in its grip tonight, Eastern coast in its grip tonight, with record snowfalls reported record snowfalls reported many points, wires down, portation disrupted, and hurwarnings being relayed to at sea.

The Weather Bureau here this evening issued the following storm warning:

"Northeast storm warnings north of the Virginia Capes to Eastport. Me. Central at noon off the Virginia Capes moving north northeast. Northeast gales tonight, shifting to northwest Sunday, with heavy snows."

The bureau announced a record fall of snow for Washington and vicinity blowing northeastward to Baltimore and New York, where a fall of two feet or more might be

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expected.

Indications were that the blizzard, as it was designated by the burreau, would exceed anything since the one which enveloped the East

Snow in New England. Snow was predicted for New Eng land and the vicinity of New York City tomorrow, ceasing about noon, when the storm center would have passed northeastward off the Maine

The sweep of the blizzard up the coast from Virginia buried one city snow of the year. The storm reached New York shortly after

and northern New York State were ference" of President spared more than occasional flur-agricultural conference

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Obstructive Steps Feared.

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Telephone and telegraph companies were rushing emergency re-pair gangs to vantage points along the coast. Probably no storm in history has ever been met with such

Business Seriously Hurt. The blizzard bade fair to war-

Starting off the Virginia Capes last

night it had stopped trains, pre-venting the execution of much offi-cial business.

Moving up the South Atlantic of the entire country.

"The fertilizer trust has fought the inclusion of this provision in noon. Driving sheets of snow and high wind made street traffic a nigh wind made street trame in that city extremely difficult and dangerous. More than four inches had fallen at 2 o'clock, with the fall increasing in density as the

Harrisburg. Pa., was enveloped in the blizzard earlier than the in the blizzard earlier come. panies were out with their sweepers all day. Four inches of snow had fallen at 4 o'clock. Trains from the east were delayed, no trains having arrived from Washington.

New York City was swept with the first flurries of snow about noon. Railroadg and their clearing gangs, ready for the heavy snow, and representatives this afternoon indicated the storm was 600,000 farmers were represented at

Ritgard on Increase.

The blizzard, however, continued to increase in intensity and warnings were issued that the snowfall would last throughout the night when an average depth of more than a foot might be expected.

Coal Mine Wage Cut Is Ordered: Threaten Strike

Union Leaders Declare Operators "Can't Get Away With It."

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 28 .- Reduced wages for coal miners, effective when the four-State agreeent expires April 1, was ordered Raging East-Coast Bliz- tonight by the Southern Ohio op-

Cuts announced in bituminous fields were made in face of strike threats from international union of-ficials. In announcing the slashes operators declared the check-off system would be abandoned.

"They will have one of the most bitter fights they have ever had in the State of Ohio," Lee Hall, district president of the miners' union declared #tonight, referring to the reduction. "We are not going to accept the cuts," he declared.

Operators, however, said "the scale set provides for higher wages than those in other districts and is

30 and 35 per cent higher wages paid at the outbreak of the

The public statement asserts that

t sea. Weather Bureau here this stand for 't. "Track layers, water

RUMP CONFERENCE ASKS \$100,000,000 LOAN TO FARMERS

Immediate Aid Urged: Price Stabilization Favored.

Up until evening the blizzard was confined to the eastern seaboard. thorities.

ries of snow. The storm turned hoped to obtain this sum through eastward at New York, driving an amendment to Senator McCumcver Connecticut and Massachuber's bill providing for \$5,000,000

relief. This program, aside from the loan, calls for: Stabilization of prices on wheat,

corn. cotton and wool.

Creation of a Federal agency to limits profits on these four staples by millers, clevators and bakers.

Restoration of the excess profits and inheritance tax to remove the burden of taxation from farmers and oil other producers of wealth. Immediate enactmeno of the Capper-Volstead co-operative market-

Muscle Shoals offer.

The "rump conference" was called by Benjamin C. Marsh o the Farmers' National Council and was

snow, and representatives this af-ternoon indicated the storm was 600,000 farmers were represented at iargely to the port as far as New York State was concerned. The New York Central at 3 o'clock re-ported the storm had not pro-Middle West within ten days, Marsh

Long Island Railroad was experiencing no difficulty at that time in keeping their lines clear, and the Pennsylvania with trains from the South four and five hours late, was in no difficulties with its Western lines.

Said.

Hearings will be started before the House Agriculture Committee to the House Agriculture Committee to Hearings also will be continued before the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

Bureau, however, countered with warnings against undue optimism promising that the blizzard was fail would last throughout the inight when an average depth of more than a foot might be expected. Pected. Many Connecticut towns which were in the grip of the storm early this afternoon, took heart when it iessened and turned out to sea, and believed they were to be spared the full force of the blizzard. Bridgeport reported that aside from flurries and high winds the storm, however, would sweep eaststorm had missed it. The Weather storm had missed it. The bear of contents and the rest of New England was felt. Ships at sea were hurrying for Connected to SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—Capt SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—Capt

DEAD AND INJURED INCLUDE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

First Body Taken from Ruins That of Mrs. D. H. Covell of Eighteenth Street, Northwest

KNOWN DEAD. Mrs. D. H. Covell, 2409 Eightemth street northwest. Two unidentified women.

KNOWN INJURED. Miss Bostley, 1654 Euclid street northwest, badly injured; taken home of Dr. Byrnes. 1864 Biltmore street northwest.
M. E. Cartney, University of Maryland; badly braised.
Mrs. S. Richardson, 1812 Vernon street northwest; injured

about body.

S. Richardson, husband of above, same address; severely in jured.
Attache at Italian Embassy; back believed broken.

J. H. Goydan, 700 Tenth street northwest; injured about head. James Curtin, 2642 Ontario Road; badly hurt; conscious, of Florence, Mass. Martha Strayer, 1827 California street; injured about body,

deeply buried under debris.
Mrs. Raymond J. Bowen, 1949 Biltmore street; critically hurt. may not live.
Miss Nell Maria Rega, 2409 Eighteenth street, injured about

Nathan Murray, 2312 Twentieth street northwest, critical con-Alphonzo Van Bancarcke, 500 East Capitol street, severely in-

jured about head.

D. H. Covell, 2409 Eighteenth street, minor injuries.

Mrs. Charles Goon, 2311 Eighteenth street, injured about

and body.

Mrs. William Crocker, Courtland apartments, seriously injured. John Klemmer, 1538 A street northeast, a musician in the or-chestra, was taken from the ruins badly injured.

THOSE REPORTED MISSING: Miss Anna Parker, 1832 Ontario place northwest. Mrs. W. O. Bailey, 1832 Ontario place northwest. Charles Wihlan, 2462 Ontario place.
L. W. Strayer, 1836 California street.
Thomas M. Eastwood, manager, who lived over the theater. Mrs. Thomas M. Eastwood.

BREAK IN STORM AVERTS EPIDEMIC AND FAMINE PERIL

William Crocker, Cortland apartments.

Bread and Milk Routes District Commissioners Kept Open on 80 Per Cent Basis.

Danger of a famine or outbreak

hours of the blizzard on an 80 per of the Senate District Committee. BUILDINGS CAVE IN cent basis. Many mith trucks sent

ference centeres are fellowed. This program, aside from loan, calls for:
In cotton and wool.
Treation of a Federal agency to aits profits on these four staples milk dealers that trucks for aits profits on these four staples milkers, elevators and bakers.

Favor U. S. Rail Ownership.
Agencies to finance the marketing surplus food products abroad. Restoration of the excess profits of taxation for ference of taxation for for farmer and oil other producers of wealth. Immediate, enactmen of the Capling food products abroad co-operative market.

The control of the storm relieved fears of milk dealers that trucks four the commissioners also suggest a procommissioners also suggest a procommissioners also suggest a procommission whereby tenants cannot appeal to the rent commission to peal to the rent commission to distance their rounds yesterday. It was one of the large dupon.

Favor In vertical property was believed that many of the was on the outlying sections. With the breaking of the storm, it is not in the cape of the storm that the commission to commission to peal to the rent commission to peal to the rent commission to be dealers of the number of the storm that the commission to commission to the peal to the rent commission to the rent commission to peal to the rent commission to the rent commission to peal to the rent commission to the rent Immediate enactmeno of the Capper-Volstead co-operative marketing bill.

Unified government operation of the railroads with an immediate reduction of approximately 23 per duction of approximately 23 per ceno in freight rates.

Eventual government ownership of railroads.

Eventual government ownership of railroads. tive to a fod shortage. The hig problem facing the District during the next forty-eight hours is de-livery of food within the city, offi-

Ships in Delaware Bay Wireless Calls for Help

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 28.— The 50-mile gale that is sweeping the Atlantic seaboard tonight has caused two ships in the Delaware Bay to send wireless calls for help. One was aground and the other was forced to a dangerous an-

The Woodmansee radioed that she are would come increased rents would was out of coal off Stone Pile, near would come increased building a brakewater. The tug Caspian left They state however, that a short Port Richmond to go to the aid of extension is necessary to prevent the distressed vessels. Fear of col-lision demoralized shipping in river ing exorbitant rents at this time.

SAILS FOR SAMOA

FAVOR EXTENSION OF BALL RENT ACT **TO OCTOBER 1, '23**

Suggest Several Amendments.

Recommending of disease through blockade of the District for the last forty-eight tion more equitable the District rest of Wolfe Lindenfeld, at Warmended and a compromise of months, or until October and government officials.

1, 1923, was decided upon. The information secured from Lindenfeld.

Bread and milk deliveries were Commissioners' report was forment of Justice agents. continued during the twenty-eight warded to Senator Ball, chairman The report includes an amend-ment suggesting striking out a secout during the morning, falled to report in at night. However, delieverless were maintained throughout the heavily populated section of the law which prohibits the tion of the law which prohibits the tion of the law which prohibits the property used for residential purposes unless equivalent rental property used for residential purposes unless equivalent rental property is constructed. The constructed. The hour the official precipitation was the first official precipitation was the first

the premises in question. A provision to enable the owners to get rid of objectionable tenants is also recommended. Further the Commissioners believe that bona fide purchasers should be able to get immediate possession of the propimmediate possession of the propgive evidence of such occupation.

The report of the District Com-The original request such a report came from the Dis-trict Committee of the Senate, The Senate has under consideration the Pomerene bill, extending the Ball rent act for two years.
In their report the District Com

tely chorage by lack of fuel. The ships in distress were the American steamer Catherine and the steamer on the diate aid.

The Catharine, loaded with sugar, went ashort at Shipjohn, Del.

In their report out that the extension undoubtedly would tend to defer the time when Washington will have enough houses to meet its needs. They argue that if the law were not extended rents would

Kallipolis Grotto Elects Its Officers

3 BODIES AND 15 INJURED TAKEN FROM RUINS; POLICE AND FIREMEN WORK IN SNOW

Infantry Summoned from Fort Myer to Help Maintain Order, as Fifth Alarm Reinforces Firemen

TWENTY AMBULANCES ON SCENE

Panic Follows Spread of News as Streets Are Roped Off to Hold Back 10,000 Frantic People—Guards Ordered to Shoot

From 150 to 500 persons were entombed under tons of snow and wreckage when the roof of Crandall's Knickerbocker Theater, Eighteenth street and Columbia road, northwest, collapsed at 9:10 o'clock last night.

Shortly before midnight fourteen injured persons had been removed from the debris and estimates of the dead ranged from fifty to 100. Police stated shortly after 10 o'clock that at least 100 were dead, but it was impossible to corroborate this.

Police Reserves Called.

Five alarms for fire were turned in in rapid succession, and police eserves from all precincts were requisitioned to aid in the work of

adjacent to the theater and overwhelmed the first police arrivals. The Seventy-first Company, Sixth Regiment of Marines, was placed on guard duty at II o'clock with orders to shoot at the first sign of disorder or rioting. Soldiers from Walter Reed Hospital also were used to keep back the frantic crowds.

Within a few minutes after the weight of snow on the roof of the theater caused the collapse, nearby physicians opened their homes to accommodate the injured, many of whom were assisted out of the wreckage by volunteer workers. Householders threw open their homes and provided blankets and wraps for the injured.

Streets Roped Off.

Casualty, Sibley and George ington hospitals were pressed into service and several ambulances from Walter Reed Hospital brought

army surgeons, and doctors to lend

the two priests alternately prayed and gave their strength in lifting beams from the injured.

Few Make Escape. A small number managed to

cape before the roof crashed. The

mentary warning given by the roof's

crushed, and believed fatally hurt.

The roof first began to give away from the balcony. It swung down, almost touching the heads of the

frightened patrons, seemed to hesi-tate a moment in its deadly drop, then buckled and fell on top of the

orchestra seats.

Men and women screamed and tried to jump from their seats, but the falling roof caught most of them. Then, as the sound of crashing and

wrenching timbers and girders died

supports when they gave way.

Shortly after the arrival of the olice Columbia Road was roped

BOMB MYSTERY MAY BE SOLVED

off from Biltmore street to Eighteenth street in the belief that the NEW YORK, Jan. 28.-Important developments in the Wall street bemb north wall of the playhouse, which explosion mystery are expected within the next forty-eight hours by Dewould crash in on the wreckage. partment of Justice officials.

New evidence brought to this country by Dr. Paul Altendorf, the Burns the menace of the swaying wall of disease through blockade of the District for the last forty-eight tion more equitable the District for the last forty-eight thours by storm was averted through the timely break in the blizzard last record as favoring the extension of the timely break in the blizzard last the Ball rent act. A difference of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, hurried to New hourself from the waist of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, hurried to New hourself from the waist of the Bureau of Investigation of the Surface of the Bureau of Investigation of th One of the first of the opinion existed as to what period York to take personal charge of the pinned from the waist down unof extension should be recom- work of running down new clews der twisted wreckage but retained brought here by Altendorf. Alten- consciousness. He was unable to

AT DANVILLE, VA and

Daspite the blizzard, some of the

torney speak for the public rather than the tenants.

Personal investigation of each case is recommended, and it is Thursday night, was resumed for the Rent Commission be increased to make possible personal visits to the premises in Others were saved by prompt thoring. Two prities, the Rev. Thomas Church, and the Rev. Walsh, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Paul's Church, administered the last rites of the Catholic church to the army tanks, dragging plows and to make possible personal visits to the premises in Others were saved by prompt Two pritises, the Rev. Thomas Church, and the Rev. Walsh, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. Walsh, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. Walsh, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. Walsh, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William Carroll, of St. Thomas Church, and the Rev. William C

Two Feet at Purcellville. FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Jan. 28.
—Snow, which started falling here yesterday noon, had reached a mentary warning given by the roof's depth of thirty inches tonight, the heaviest since the blizzard of '99. 30 Inches at Fredericksburg.

PURCELLVILLE, Va., Jan. 28.— Nearly two feet of snow has al-ready fallen here. All activity in Nearly two feet of all activity in ready fallen here. All activity in the country is blockaded. The roads the country is places. The are impassable in places. The Washington and Old Dominion

The Herald

ASKS your indulgence, in view of the storm, for delay or failure in de-livery of your paper this

Extraordinary effort has been made to serve you, by employment of addi-tional men and motor trucks, but delay has been unavoidable. And so your indulgence is

Several persons passing on the street came running toward the theater when they heard the noise of the crash. Soon the smothered moans and shrieks of the injured could be heard coming from under the wreckage.
Two children, Francis and Jack Duncan, 15 to 12 years old, respec-

Duncan, 16 to 12 years old, respec-tively, who had gone to the movie theater without their parents, are believed under the wreckage. The theater is of brick, hav a capacity of 2,000, and was con-structed in 1918. Fire apparatus was kept in preparation to act quickly at the first sign of fire but Continued on Page Two.

asked by The Herald.